



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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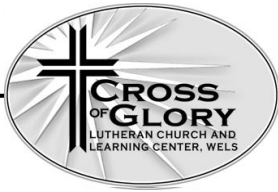
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Restrooms: The women's and men's restrooms are located in the Gathering Room (lobby) of the church. There are additional restrooms located in the Fellowship Hall.

Cry Room: We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But for parents who would like a quiet place to be with their child, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the Gathering Room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

Prayer Requests: If you have a special prayer you would like included in today's Prayer of the Church, please fill out the prayer request form on the small table in the Gathering Room.



RITE OF BAPTISM

HYMN.....See this Wonder in the Making (CW #300 vv. 1-2)

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The minister speaks the introduction and then says:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.



Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Gia. Through this water of Baptism, drown in her all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil she may do. Set her apart from the unbelieving world and hold her safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep her always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that she may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which this child will be baptized, the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The minister says to the parents:

M: Do you desire to have Gia baptized into this Christian faith?

R: Yes.

The minister, pouring water over the child, says:

M: Gia Rose Gunkel, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up Gia in the way of the Lord and to instruct her in the truths of God's saving Word so that she may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in her baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

EXHORTATION TO CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Gia may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

C: **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A baptismal candle is lit from the paschal candle:

M: Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for Gia through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites her with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

STAND

PRAYER

M: We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Gia as your own child and made her a member of Christ’s body, the Church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your Church on earth that being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness, and being buried with Christ into his death, we may also be partakers of his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life, through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

HYMN.....See this Wonder in the Making (CW #300 vv. 3-4)



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless ed are they who take

4 re fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e ter____nal; it stands firm in the

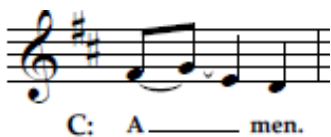
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

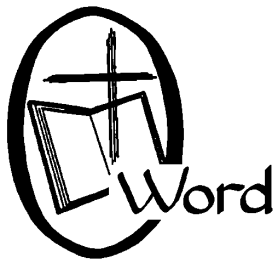
M: Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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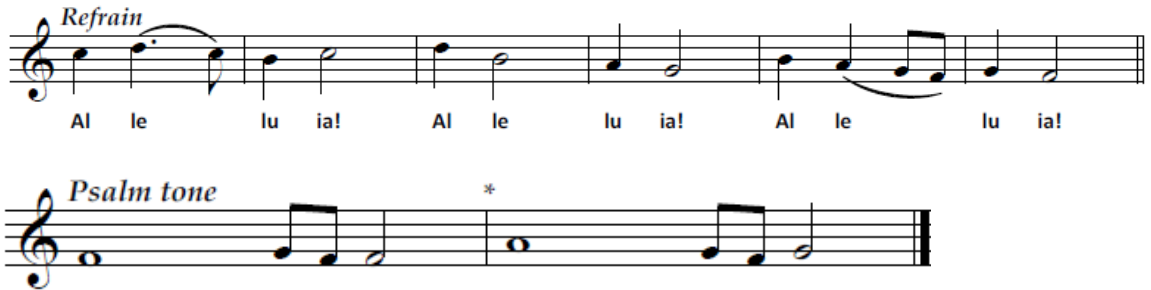
THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 31:7-9

This is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'"⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return."⁹ They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 126



M: When the LORD brought back the captives to 'Zion, *
C: we were like 'those who dreamed.

M: Our mouths were filled with 'laughter,*
C: our tongues with 'songs of joy.

M: The LORD has done great 'things for us,*
C: and we are 'filled with joy.

Refrain

M: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the 'desert.*
C: Those who sow in tears will reap with 'songs of joy.

M: He who goes out weeping, carrying 'seed to sow,*
C: will return with songs of joy, carrying 'sheaves with him.

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
 And to the Holy 'Spirit;
 As it was in the be 'ginning,*
 Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Acts 2:22-32

"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.²³ This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible

for death to keep its hold on him.²⁵ David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope,²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.²⁹ "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day."³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.³¹ Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! These words are
writ ten that we may be lieve that Je sus is the Christ, the
Son God. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

STAND

GOSPEL.....Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

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HYMN OF THE DAY.....Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me? (CW #428)

SERMON.....Mark 10:46-52

“Thank God for the Detours”

STAND

RESPONSE

A series of five lines of musical notation on a five-line staff, each line corresponding to a line of lyrics. The notation is in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is a simple, flowing line with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men." The final line ends with a double bar line.

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THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

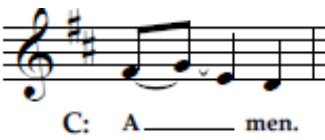
- C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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HYMNWhat a Friend We Have in Jesus (CW #411)

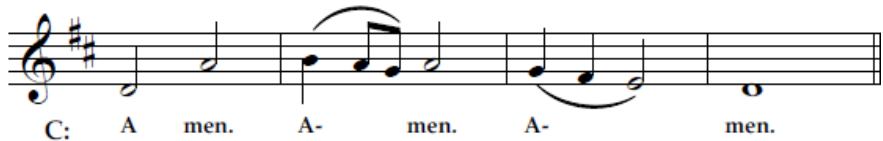
CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

- M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....To God Be the Glory (CW #399)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday’s Attendance - Worship: 37; Communion: 27.
Offerings to the Lord - General Fund Offerings: \$2015.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Wednesday (10/28): | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| Sunday (11/1): | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School / Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship with Communion |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Fall Festival |


CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 8TH



**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

We will be having our quarterly congregational meeting following our worship on Sunday, November 8th. All members are encouraged to attend to be informed and give their input on ministry at Cross of Glory.

Cross of Glory Fall Festival



Sunday,
November 1st

Noon—3 p.m.

~ Free ~

~ Food ~

~ Games ~

~ Hay Ride~

~ All Are Welcome! ~

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